Mathematical discoveries, small or great are never born of spontaneous generation. They always presuppose a soil seeded with preliminary knowledge and well prepared by labour, both conscious and subconscious.

Henri Poincaré
Florida Legislature Makes Sweeping Changes to Developmental Education

The recent Florida legislative session proved to be a monumental one, with a number of bills passed that affect education in our state. None has raised as much interest as HB 1720, the bill now signed into law, that enacts a number of major changes to how state colleges address developmental education.

A summary of HB 1720 appears below, and a number of state meetings surrounding implementation of the new law are in progress. To find out more about dates, times, and locations, see your institution’s representative. In addition, the FDEA will be holding a special session at their upcoming conference in which each institution will present their plan for addressing the bill’s requirements. The FDEA annual conference, Exceling Through Waves of Change, will occur October 31, 2013–November 2, 2013 at Miami-Dade College, Wolfson Campus. See the FDEA’s website, http://www.fdea.net/, for more information.

House Bill 1720 — A Summary

1. A student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma or a student who is serving as an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Services shall not be required to take the common placement test and shall not be required to enroll in developmental education instruction in a Florida College System institution. However, a student who is not required to take the common placement test and is not required to enroll in developmental education under this paragraph may opt to be assessed and to enroll in developmental education instruction, and the college shall provide such assessment and instruction upon the student’s request.

2. Developmental education may be delivered through a variety of accelerated and co-requisite strategies and includes any of the following:
   (a) Modularized instruction that is customized and targeted to address specific skills gaps.
   (b) Compressed course structures that accelerate student progression from developmental instruction to college-level coursework.
   (c) Contextualized developmental instruction that is related to meta-majors.
   (d) Co-requisite developmental instruction or tutoring that supplements credit instruction while a student is concurrently enrolled in a credit-bearing course.

3. Timeline
   October 31, 2013- State Board rule to establish testing and developmental education exemption for Florida standard high school diploma recipients who entered a Florida public high school in 2003-2004 or thereafter or active military duty.
   December 31, 2013- State Board rule to establish meta-majors and academic pathways
   March 1, 2014- Submission of a developmental education plan to the Chancellor for approval
   Fall 2014- All Florida College System institutions to implement developmental education plan
   October 31, 2015- All Florida College System institutions to submit to the Chancellor an annual accountability report
   December 31, 2015- Chancellor to submit compiled annual accountability report to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and State Board of Education
Congratulations to Ryan Kasha!

Ryan Kasha was honored to receive the NISOD Award for Excellence at the 2013 NISOD Annual Conference held in Austin, Texas. Since its inception, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) has emphasized the importance of teaching and leadership excellence in institutions of higher education, and recognizes such contributions through the Award for Excellence. As stated by NISOD, “the Excellence Awards tradition allows us the distinct privilege of honoring so many of the world’s best in higher education.”

Ryan was nominated by his colleagues, and chosen to receive this award due to his continuous commitment to mathematical learning, development of curriculum, and continuous professional involvement at the departmental and college level. Congratulations, Ryan!

Ryan Kasha (center), other Awards for Excellence recipients, and Dr. Sandy Shugart (far right), President, Valencia College at the recent NISOD Excellence Awards
Upcoming Events

Math in the Sun XI: Surviving the After-shock of SB 1720 in College Mathematics
October 11-12, 2013
St. Petersburg College - Clearwater Campus
Clearwater, Florida

We hope to see you all at this fall’s FTYCMA Retreat—information about registration, accommodations, and the program will be available soon on the FTYCMA website: scf1.scf.edu/ftycma/

39th Annual AMATYC: Math—There’s No End to the Fun!
October 31-November 3, 2013
Anaheim, California

For more information, see the AMATYC website: www.amatyc.org.

MAA/FTYCMA Joint Conferences
February 21-22, 2014
Edison State College
Ft. Myers, Florida

Information about our upcoming joint meeting with the MAA is available at the MAA Florida Section website: sections.maa.org/Florida/

We hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming events!
FTYCMA Rewards Outstanding Teaching and Service

In even numbered years, FTYCMA presents a Teaching Excellence Award to one of its members who has at least 5 years of teaching experience, has exhibited outstanding teaching ability, and has created or adapted innovative teaching methods or materials. (Special consideration is given by the committee to those who have shared such practices with colleagues.)

The list of past honorees is:
1994   Bill Jordan (Seminole state)
1996   Frank Ward (Indian River CC)
1998   Lou Cleveland (Chipola College)
2000   Bill Palow (Miami-Dade College)
2002   Martha Goshaw (Seminole CC)
2004   John Salak (Tallahassee CC)
2006   Dennis Runde (Manatee CC)
2008   Steven Grosteffon (Santa Fe CC)
2010   Debbie Garrison (Valencia CC)
2012   Don Ransford (Edison College)
2014   To Be Announced

In odd numbered years, FTYCMA presents an Outstanding Service Award to one of its members who has made an exemplary contribution to the teaching profession through length of service, advocacy of mathematics education, and contributions both to the success of FTYCMA and to the progress of others in the field.

The list of past honorees is:
1993   Mike Mears (Manatee CC)
1995   Joan Golliday (Santa Fe CC)
1997   Moana Karsteter (Tallahassee CC)
1999   Glenn Smith (Santa Fe CC)
2001   Guesna Dohrman (Tallahassee CC)
2003   Carl Hensley (Indian River CC)
2005   Cliff Morris (Valencia CC)
2007   Norma Agras
2009   Janette Campbell (Palm Beach CC)
2011   Byron Dyce (Sante Fe College)
2013   Deepanakar Rick Pal (Valencia College)

Each award recipient is recognized at the spring meeting with a plaque and a cash award of $100. Since the next spring meeting is in 2014 (an even-numbered year), it is time to present the Outstanding Teaching Award. Please send in your nominations for the Outstanding Teaching Award to Penny Morris at pmorris@polk.edu.
Benefits of the life membership include:

- A certificate of lifetime membership
- A laminated wallet-sized membership card
- A FTYCMA lapel pin, and
- A reserved position in the honor roll of life members at the FTYCMA website.

Current cost of a lifetime membership is $150.
Current cost of an annual membership is $10.

Stay updated at http://scf1.scf.edu/ftycma/default.htm

FTYCMA Membership Form

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payment to:

(Please circle or underline which membership)

Please make checks payable to FTYCMA.

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